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AMENDMENT A

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Applicant provides the following response to Examiner's Office Action dated 03/24/95.

## REMARKS

Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC 102b as being anticipated by Zansky.

Applicant traverses these rejections for the reason that the priority date of the Zansky reference is 12/10/82 whereas the priority date of the claimed invention is 08/14/80.

That is, the claimed invention was initially disclosed by Applicant in his application Serial No. 06/178,107 filed 08/14/80; and has been carried through the intervening applications in a continuous manner.

Applicant points out to Examiner that claims 1-8 are derived from the structure illustrated by Figs. 2 and 6 of Applicant's specification; which structure has been continued uninterruptedly since his application Serial No. 178,107 filed on August 14, 1980.

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